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MALAYA'S FALL: OFFICIAL STORY

War Office Releases Brooke-Popham's Despatches 'Under-Estimate' Of Japanese

London, Jan. 22. Six years after the event, the first official despatch on the operations in Malaya, giving a partial explanation of the loss, 10 weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbour, of the great naval base of Singapore, was released by the War Office today.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East from Oct. 17, 1940, to Dec. 27, 1941, whose 40,000-word despatch is published today, declared that in the defence of Malaya there was "an underestimate of the power of the Japanese to attack several places simultaneously," and an "under-estimate of the Japanese Army and Air Force."

Sir Robert's report is due to be followed within the next few weeks by the despatch of Lt.-Gen. Arthur Ernest Percival, General Officer Commanding Malaya, when Singapore fell.

His 120,000-word "inside story" of this historic defeat was said to have been held up by consultations between Britain and Australia as Australian troops were involved.

Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham disclosed that, till the end of November, 1941, British war chiefs did not believe that Japan "might be actually on the verge of starting war."

As result of their crippling blow at the United States Fleet at Pearl Harbour, he added, Japanese command of the sea from the outset was "greater than we had ever anticipated."

"We were, in fact, fighting under conditions of which the

Empire had little previous experience."

Sir Robert cited these points on which the Japanese Army and Air Force proved to have been under-estimated:

1.—Their disregard of weather conditions, especially their ability to land or beaches in bad weather.

2.—Their mobility — "the Japanese Army was able to operate with less mechanical transport than ours and so was less dependent upon roads."

3.—The individual initiative of the Japanese soldier.

4.—The performance of the Japanese "Zero" naval fighting plane, which had "remarkably good" speed and manoeuvrability at heights of 10,000 feet and over.

5.—The rapidity with which repairs were carried out, in particular of Singapore aero-

Army Morale Poor

Referring to the "factors affecting the morale of our forces," the despatch said: "The majority of the Indian regiments laboured under some disability on account of the inexperience of most of their British officers."

"As a rule, there would be two or three senior officers, with 15 or more years' experience, until we came down to officers who had joined after September, 1939. Somewhere about half of these officers had experience in India and could talk the language, but having only one to two and a half years' service, they did not exert the weight which more experienced officers would have done."

"In both British and Indian units, there was only a small leaven of war-experienced offi-

cers and men, and it was under these conditions that young soldiers had to meet the first shock of the Japanese attack."

A factor which had some effect on morale generally in the Malayan campaign was that "strategically we were on the defensive."

"The adverse effect induced by having to carry out a continuous retreat over some hundreds of miles starting from the early days of the campaign must be attributed to the general situation rather than to any fault in the original morale of the troops themselves," Sir Robert said.

"It is possible, however, that the need for offensive action, even during a retreat, had not been so stressed during the training of officers and men as to become second nature."

Command Changes

Sir Robert declared that one of the "special features" of the operations was that a "number of changes in command took place before or shortly after the war with Japan started"—including his own recall as Commander-in-Chief on Nov. 6, 1941, followed by his departure at the end of December.

"These changes may have been inevitable, and it could not, of course, have been foreseen that they would coincide so closely with the start of the war, but they did add to the difficulties of the situation."

Referring to the "most serious error" involving the intentions of the Japanese Government, Sir Robert recalled that, at the end of September 1941, a combined meeting took place in Singapore between Sir Alastair Page, Australian Government representative, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British Ambassador in Chungking, Sir J. Crosby British

Minister in Bangkok, Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, later Chairman of the Far Eastern War Council, and the two Commanders-in-Chief, to discuss the situation.

The meeting was generally sceptical of a Japanese attack, for several reasons. "The first was a general one, namely, that if the Japanese had intended to attack Malaya, they would have been more likely to have done so in 1940, when our forces were far weaker than they were at the end of 1941. Then the winter months, Dec. to Feb., were less favourable for an expedition against the east coast of Malaya and the Kra Isthmus than other periods of the year owing to the North-East Monsoon.

"Finally, there was the visit of Kurusu to Washington.

Resources Short

"But at the time, it seemed to us in Singapore that this was a genuine attempt on the part of the Japanese to get a relaxation of the restrictions that had been imposed, and possibly to drive a wedge between Britain and the United States."

The details given in the Air Chief Marshal's despatch made it clear, however, that the resources of his command fell short even of the limited military estimates.

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THREE MILES FROM HOME -- TRAGEDY

Lincoln, Jan. 22. With only three miles to fly to reach base a Wellington bomber, returning from a cross-country exercise, crashed in a field at Norton Disney about ten miles from here today and the crew of three were killed.

The pilot was a pilot officer due for passing out at the completion of the trip. One of the other men killed — a Warrant Officer — was married only three weeks ago.—Reuter.

H.K. AS URANIUM SHIPPER!

Shanghai, Jan. 22. A report from Washington that uranium, which was recently discovered in China, is finding its way to Russia through Hong Kong quarters is regarded here as fantastic.

One authoritative source said: "You cannot go out and pick up uranium from the ground. It is quite a process in getting what makes atom bombs from what we get from the ground."

He added it is true that uranium was reported to have been found in Kwangsi Province, near Kweihsien, but he said, all uranium deposits are nationalised and under Government supervision and protection and all known sources are closed.

A foreign source said: "It is a very sleek piece of business in getting uranium ore mined, processed and shipped from China to Hong Kong, and from aboard a Soviet ship. I do not believe it."—United Press.

NANKING SILENT ON DEMARCHE

Nanking, Jan. 22. Up to this afternoon no reply had been received from the Chinese Government to the British note regarding the burning of the Canton consulate-general, the British Embassy spokesman said today.

According to Chinese sources the note contains four demands:

1. The Chinese Government holds itself responsible for the incident.

STOP PRESS

Nanking, Jan. 22. A satisfactory agreement was reached on the Kowloon dispute on the afternoon of the Canton riots, Mr. Chen Li-fu, Kuomintang Minister of Organisation, told Reuter here tonight.

Mr. Chen categorically denied that the Kuomintang had issued an editorial directive to pro-Government papers throughout China and Hong Kong, adding that the Chinese Government was not responsible for the inflammatory and vituperative articles that appeared in pro-Government papers during December, when negotiations were still proceeding for a peaceful settlement of the dispute. This refuted the allegation that the Kuomintang was responsible for the anti-British riots and demonstrations in Canton and Shanghai.

The British Embassy spokesman said that the British Government has taken note that the Chinese Government has sent police inspector Pan Han-kwei to Canton to investigate the mob violence and wishes to be informed of the facts.—United Press.

Vietnam Critical Of French Plan

The four-point proposal for the independence of Indo-China, reportedly made at Geneva to extend Emperor Bao Dai of Annam by M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, was yesterday strongly criticised by Mr. Luu Duc Trung, leader of the Vietnam Popular Movement.

Mr. Luu also accredited spokesman for Bao Dai in Hong Kong, said that the proposal was inconsistent with the demands of the people of Vietnam (Indo-China) for complete independence and France's repeated assurances that Vietnam will have independence within the French Union.

He disclosed that an emergency meeting of Vietnam political leaders and representatives of Vietnamese political groups in China, Siam and Japan was called a few days ago in Hong Kong.

At this meeting the demands of the Vietnamese people were again emphasised and reiterated.

All the delegates unanimously reaffirmed their determination to stand behind Bao Dai in a single bloc and support him in the fight for real independence.

Mr. Luu yesterday hinted that the various political, cultural and religious factions in Indo-China will unite in a single front to carry on the fight for complete independence if the reported four-point proposal is the final French offer to the Vietnam people.

Cabled Appeal

As a result of the meeting, Mr. Luu yesterday cabled an appeal to the people of Vietnam to unite their ranks and stand solidly behind Bao Dai in his demand for complete independence for the nation.

"Vietnam is entering a new stage in her history. Following the conversations with the French in Geneva, which were preceded by preliminary talks in the Balkans, negotiations will continue on Feb. 13, 1948, in Indo-Chinese territorial waters," said the appeal.

It stressed that "these negotiations will be decisive" and urged the people to stand firm in their demands.

The appeal pointed out that the will of the Vietnamese people has been sufficiently and clearly expressed — independence and unity for Vietnam with her

own army, foreign diplomatic representation, and above all, her own economy and finance."

Ready To Fight

"So long as we are deprived of our economic and financial freedom, it is vitally essential for our national existence. Our independence remains a myth," declared the appeal, adding that both the question of diplomatic representation and that of national defence are closely bound up with our freedom in economy.

The appeal concluded: "Let us be ready to fight — a fight which we wish at the moment to restrict within the diplomatic arena — for the triumph of our national cause."

The appeal was sent by Mr. Luu in his capacity as leader of the Vietnam Popular Movement.

Mr. Luu said that he appreciated the fact that an independent Vietnam would need assistance from France; therefore France would be entitled to certain preferential treatment.

SHANGHAI, JAN. 22. FREE-FOR-ALLS FEATUR ED THE VOTING IN TWO BOOTHS IN YESTERDAY'S BALLOTTING HERE FOR LEGISLATIVE YUAN CANDIDATES.

In the Yangtse district a fight occurred when a group of volunteer policemen pulled out guns in trying to "convince" a large number of voters halting from North Kiangau to vote for a certain candidate, according to the China Press.

The voters refused to comply and a general melee ensued when they attempted to snatch the policemen's guns.

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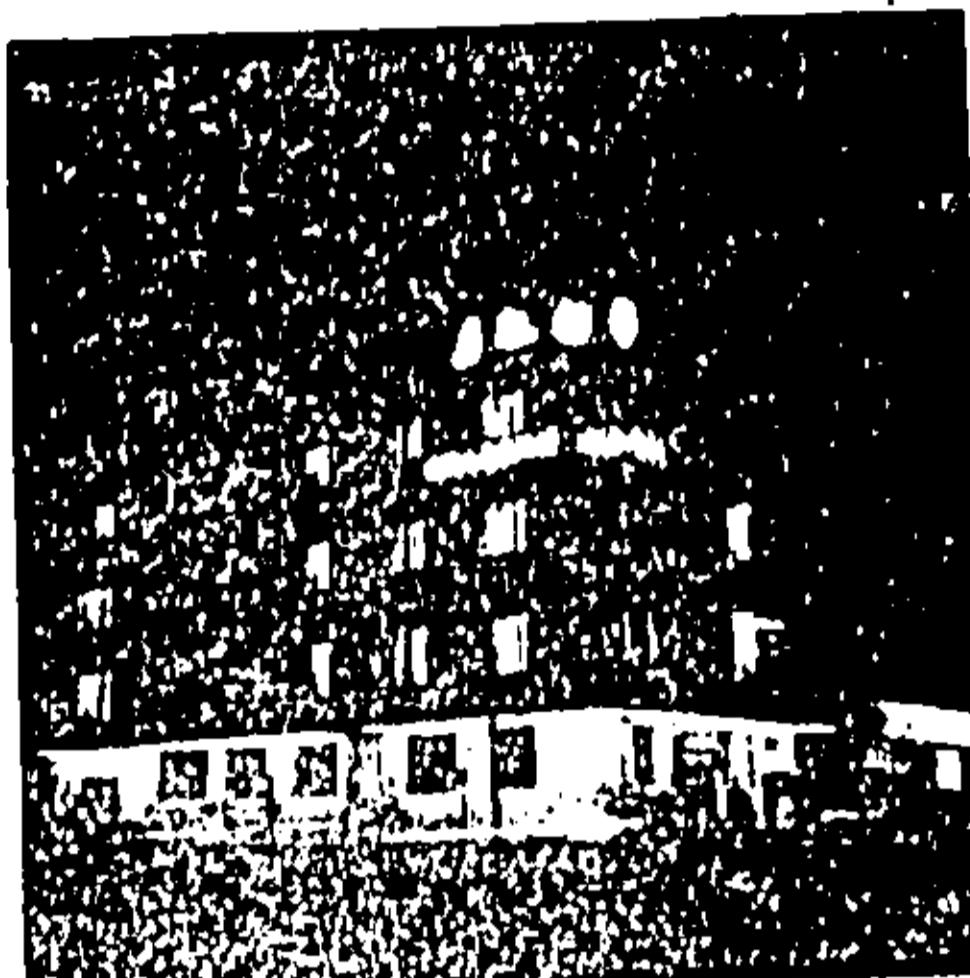
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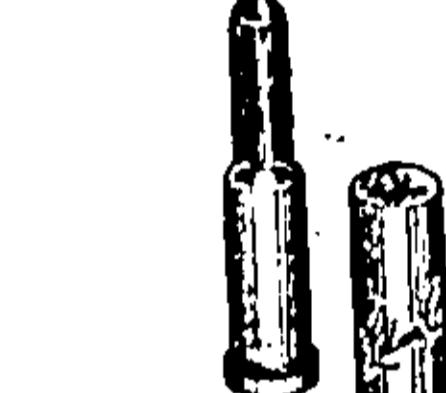
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ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1948.

Saturday, 24th January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through numbers for the fourth day, Saturday, 24th January (11 races \$22-) may be obtained at the office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptador Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$8 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tack men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

BY ORDER,
S. A. SLEAF,
Act. Secretary.

HKVDC COMMANDANT'S STORY AT ITO TRIAL DECAPITATIONS OF BRITONS

Colonel L. T. Ride, Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., who testified at the War Crimes Court yesterday at the resumed hearing of the trial of Lt. Gen. Ito Takeo, related how, in the course of a tour of the Island after the surrender, he came across the bayoneted bodies of British Servicemen with hands and wrists tied. In some cases, the men had been decapitated.

The first witness yesterday morning was Leung Wing-cho, who was employed at the Tytan Tuk reservoir at the time the Japanese came in December, 1941.

He stated that he knew Fleck and Davidson and saw them at seven or eight o'clock on the day the Japanese came. He saw them again the same afternoon at about five or six o'clock.

At dusk he was tied with the cook and Davidson and saw them at the edge of the cliff and made his way down the grassy slope. He saw a Japanese soldier shoot them one by one from behind. There were seven; some fell down and the others were pushed down.

Major General Tanaka, one of the generals who attacked Hong Kong and now serving a prison sentence for War Crimes, gave a detailed account of the movements of Japanese troops in Hong Kong from Dec. 18 to Dec. 25.

Two Parties

He said that he was in command of the right flank force which landed east of North Point and Braemar point. The plan of the divisional commander was to land at 11 p.m. on Dec. 18. The right flank was to advance to Victoria Peak, the left flank was to go to High West and a point was to be reached at dawn between Victoria Peak and High West.

The invasion was made in two parties and they landed half an hour after leaving the Cement Factory and Kai Tak and within 30 seconds of each other. They took Mount Parker and came to Tytan Reservoir at noon on Dec. 19. They advanced to Stanley Gap which the head of the column reached at 4 p.m. The other invaders attacked Lyman and reached the position at 7 p.m. and he was then able to have the left flank under his command.

They were behind their schedule.

Dead Bodies

On Dec. 29, he went to certain points on the island as he considered it his duty to collect and attend to any wounded.

He had made repeated attempts to get permission and eventually succeeded on the night of Dec. 28, when a Japanese officer stationed at the University gave him a pass.

On the morning of Dec. 29, he took a field ambulance and some officers and went to Command Headquarters to see Col. Simpson, A.D.M.S. Major Crawford, R.C.A.M.C., his second in command, was one of the officers who went with him.

Col. Simpson agreed with him and came with them. They first went to the No. 2 Advanced dressing station at Wongneichong and No. 2 Coy. H. Q. There were no wounded there. Two dead bodies were in the vicinity. Canadian Military H.Q. was quite near.

They went through the gap to Repulse Bay and came across a number of British dead.

They decided to visit the road from Wongneichong to the junction of Island Road. There was nothing to indicate that the dead they had seen had died other than in action.

Hands Tied

They reached the Ridge and at a bridge they saw a number of British Military and Naval dead. They looked for identity discs. Some had none.

One of the dead was Lt. Col. Macpherson of the Ordnance Corps. His face was downwards and his arms behind his back. His head was smashed in. The wrists of most of the others had deep bruises and the hands and arms were swollen.

Hearing will be continued at 10 a.m. today and the cross-examination of Tanaka is expected to last two hours.

FOOD-PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to Jan. 21 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Mr. M.T. Case \$10. Received up to Jan. 15 and already acknowledged \$11,903.59; Total donations received up to Jan. 21 \$31,933.59.

They visited all the houses. The body of Mr. Tinson was found in his house. The house along the road to the junction of Island Road had dead bodies.

From Island Road they went towards the city westwards and near Deep Water Bay noted large blood stains on a cutting.

They got out of the Ambulance. The blood stains led to some concrete steps. At the steps were the bodies of six Middlesex soldiers. Their ankles and wrists were tied and they had been decapitated.

Col. Simpson decided that it was dangerous to remain there and proceeded to Aberdeen on the return journey. On the way they saw 20 or 30 dead and picked up a wounded man. J. M. Baud, merchant of French nationality, said that the Japanese entered Repulse Bay Hotel on Dec. 20 and the

FIRST SIKHS FOR POLICE FORCE

A party of 60 Sikhs, all recruits for the local Police Force, arrived from Calcutta yesterday by the s.s. "Wo Sang."

This is the first contingent of Indian police recruits to arrive in the colony since the liberation.

The men will first undergo training at a Police Training School and will, on graduation, be detailed on duty with the Traffic Department, Central.

Benevolent Society Disbands

A meeting yesterday of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society decided to disband the body.

The small attendance included Officers of the Society in 1941 when its activities were suspended.

Those present were of the opinion that the Society could not resume its operations on the present scale when it undertook extensive benevolent work in rendering assistance in cases of sickness, want, poverty or distress arising among members of the Colony's communities for whose benefit it had been formed.

The meeting felt that the Society could not now function effectively on the old lines in the changed social conditions arising from the war, and that it could no longer expect the financial support which it had formerly received.

It was therefore decided to suggest to all Life Members still in the Colony that the Society should be disbanded. Members will be asked to indicate whether they agree with this suggestion and to proposals which will be submitted to them for the distribution of the Society's funds.

CATHEDRAL FUND

The following is a list of donations received up to Jan. 21 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Kwok Kai Shiu \$60.60, "Leo" 384" \$30.00; \$96.60; Received up to Jan 12 and already acknowledged \$132,688.31; Total donations received up to Jan. 21, 1948 \$132,784.91.

Reminders

Today

Gramophone Recital of Classical Music, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Sino-British Club Music Group's third concert, St. Stephen's Girls College, 8 p.m.

CBS Parents Association annual general meeting, European YMCA, 5.30 p.m.

"Quiz, Morning & Needlework (Women's Sect'n), European YMCA, 10 a.m.

"Brass Band" over ZBW, presided by Mr. D. McCullough, 9.10 a.m.

Scottish Dancing, 6 p.m.; Services Dance, 8 p.m., West Lounge, European YMCA.

Exhibition of Paintings by Chan Man-wai, St. Francis Hotel.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mrs.

N. Buchanan, T. G. Downing, V.T.

Downing, B.I. Barlow, Mrs. F.

Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Jolliffe

and Mr. and Mrs. A.J.H. Hick-

mott.

Peninsula departures:—F.C. Gil-

ray, R.C. Webb, M. Gubbay, H.S.

Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. L.D.

Jolliffe, I.B. Alung and Miss G.

Bloch.

The wedding of Mr. Jesus

Toomas Cabagis, 305 Peninsula

Hotel, and Miss Maria Razan,

took place at the Supreme Court

Registry yesterday in the presence

of Messrs. Chan Shing-wu

and Lau Yiu-cheung.

Verdict of MURDER

A verdict of murder by a person or persons unknown was reached at the inquest held yesterday at Central by Mr. F. X. d'Almada into the death of a newly-born female infant, found at Tung Lo Wan Road on Dec. 19 at 8.40 a.m.

Dr. Gould said that there were severe bruising on the forehead, eye, nose and skull. A groove ran up from the umbilicus behind the left shoulder and twice round the neck. Internally, there were signs of asphyxia. The child was 0.6 lb. in weight and appeared to be normal.

Mok Yee, a Sanitary Department cooler, was working at Tung Lo Wan Road when he found the dirty body of the murdered infant. Beside the child was an oil sack, covered with charcoal.

At the conclusion of the case,

Mr. Latimer ordered the four "Plymouth" hub-caps to be confiscated to the Police pending a trial.

Outlining the facts, DSI Morrison said that at 11.30 a.m. on Jan. 17 he went with a Chinese detective to the Salvation Army Orphanage, at King's Park, where they took possession of the hub-caps which were found wrapped in a newspaper hidden in the roadside.

The two plainclothes men waited for some time before Chan and Teang appeared.

Arrested and brought back to the Yau Ma Tei Police Station, first

Chinese Destroyer Here



The Chinese gunboat, "Chang Chi," of the South China Coast Flotilla, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Canton for fueling before continuing her duty patrolling off the Kwangtung coast and Hainan Island.

Under the command of Captain Ho Nat-chun, the ship is expected to leave harbour in a day or two. She carries a complement of 170.

The ship is the former Japanese gunboat "Uji." completed in September 1940. She has a displacement of 1,200 tons and is equipped with three 4.7-inch guns and has a speed of 20 knots.

Renamed "Chang Chi" the gunboat is one of the Japanese warships which China drew as reparations from Japan.

The ship, first attached to the North China First Flotilla, was recently transferred to South China. Her next port of call is Pakho.

Photography Gains Popularity

The sixth annual general meeting of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong was held last evening at the Cafe Wiseman. The President, supported by Mr. J. C. M. Graham (Vice-President), the members of the Council, and Mr. R. A. Bates (Hon. Secretary). About 85 members were present.

In his report, the Secretary disclosed that the membership of the Society had grown during the year from 42 to 120. He described the past year as one of "splendid cooperation and blind faith in our Society."

He referred to the two successful International Salons held under the Society's auspices since its reconstitution, and disclosed that the Government had recently solicited the Society's assistance in obtaining photographs for the Colony's Annual Report, and the loan of winning prints in its monthly competitions for lecture purposes in the schools.

Community Centre? It was hoped that the Government, on its part, would soon reciprocate by providing a community centre in which it might be possible for the Society to stage a Salon as adequately as Salons organized in other civilized parts of the world.

The meeting passed a resolution increasing the monthly subscription to \$6, and the cost of a commuted Life Membership to \$350 instead of \$250, though the old figure is to remain for a period of three months, to enable those members who care to take advantage of it during that time to do so.

WIFE'S TEARS AT SESSIONS

Found guilty of assault with intent to rob and possession of arms and ammunition, Wong Sam-chai was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), to live years' imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane. Wong had two previous convictions.

Leung Hung (who) was charged jointly with Wong and who was also found guilty on the same charge, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane. The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. J. Clifford, assisted by Det. Insp. Wall. Before sentence was passed on Wong, he turned to Mr. Justice Gould for permission to give his jacket to his wife, so that she could sell it and return to the Chinese with the money earned. He also asked if his mother be allowed to come home in exchange, until old Jack died. Mr. Justice Gould informed Wong that his request would be dealt with by the Police.

Leung also made an application that his wife and children, which had been practised as eight bits, be handed over to his wife.

Mr. Justice Gould made the necessary order, and when Leung's wife came before the Court, she burst into tears and

appealed to Mr. Justice Gould to pardon her husband. She also pointed out that she had a young daughter.

Mr. Justice Gould said that he could do nothing in regard to the sentence, as his husband had committed a crime against the public. He would, however, give her a note to the Welfare Council.

The accused, together with others not in custody, were alleged to have gained admittance to 39 Nathan Road, 1st floor, at about 4.30 p.m. on Dec. 15, on the pretext of delivering two bottles of beer and two tins of "Harper's Australian Rolled Oats." One of the men was armed with a revolver.

Their entry was observed by a 13-year-old boy, who gave the alarm.

One of the robbers was pursued by Cheung Choi (who conducted a bookstall at the entrance of the premises) and arrested after he had ran into 51 Nathan Road.

Another of the robbers was arrested by a Miss Chan Yuk-o, as he was coming down the staircase of 39 Nathan Road.

The revolver and a file dagger were subsequently found in a seaview lane connecting Lock Road with Hankow Road.

Mr. Justice Gould complimented Cheung Choi and Miss Chan Yuk-o for their action in effecting the arrest of the accused. It was a very courageous action and destroying of the thanks of the public.

Mr. Clifford then informed Mr. Justice Gould that he had a letter from Cheung Choi, relative to an order for eviction in respect of his bookstall at the entrance of 39 Nathan Road.

Mr. Justice Gould said that it was not within his jurisdiction to deal with this matter. He suggested that it be taken up with the appropriate authority.

OPIUM FINES HIGHER

Opium fines are increasing.

For keeping an opium den at 1 Sai Yuen Lane, ground floor, Shaukiwan, Chan Sung (39) was fined \$500 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday. Li Yau (19) unemployed, and Choi San (43) unemployed, were both fined \$300 for keeping dens at unnumbered flats in Pak Kui Lane, Shaukiwan.

Nine smokers failed to appear in court and had their \$25 bail extenuated.

HAND-GRENADE CASE

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes, Wong Sang (30) was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday on the charge of possession of a hand-grenade at Hak Po Street on Jan. 20.

Colony's Unusual Visitors



Unusual visitors to Hong Kong today are a Tibetan trade mission passing through the Colony on the way to China. In the above photograph the mission are shown, together with welcoming Chinese officials, on arrival at Kai Tak. The mission are clad in traditional Tibetan dress. Two of them wear pigtails. ("China Mail" photo).

PICKPOCKETS HAVE A FIELD DAY AT RACES Attempted Theft At Booth

"What will happen to my wife and children if I stay six months in prison? They'll starve!" Tsui Suet-fung, 26-year-old Shanghailander, told Mr. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday, when convicted for attempted larceny from a person at the Races last Monday. "You should have thought of that before," Mr. Conklin retorted. "There have been many coming from Amoy, Canton and Shanghai charged with larcenies at the Races. You have committed an offence and should be punished."

Tsui was sentenced to six months hard labour and to be expelled.

Mr. Chiu Keung-wah, general manager of the Sun Fung Company, Ol Kwan Bldg, said he was placing bets at the Members' \$50 booth. He took out \$600 and bought \$200 worth, putting the \$400 back into an inner pocket. Suddenly he felt a hand sliding into his trouser pocket and turned round to see defendant, the only man then behind him.

Mr. Chiu said that on seeing the man well-dressed and had a gold wrist watch he dared not directly accuse him. But noticing that he had no Member's Badge, he suspected defendant was a pickpocket.

Tsui, whose wife and child appeared in court, said that it

Accused's Alibi Succeeds

The trial of Pun Lam, charged with robbery, concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. He was found not guilty and was discharged by Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Chief Justice).

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. E.H. Sainsbury, Assistant Crown Solicitor, instructed by Det. Insp. MacPherson. Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for Pun Lam.

It was alleged by the prosecution that accused with three other men, entered 47 Lee Garden Street, 3rd floor, at about 1 p.m. on Sept. 18, and robbed Yuen Chi-chiu, married woman, of HK\$400 and a quantity of jewelry.

In Pun's defence, evidence was called to prove that he was at Kowloon at the time of the alleged robbery.

Evidence was also called to substantiate his story that he was employed by the Kwong Fat Lee Shipping Co., as a messenger and that he frequently handled large sums of money belonging to his employers.

AIR LINE'S CHARGE

The H.K. office of the C.N.A.C. announced a change in their DC4 flight to Kunming and Calcutta from Monday leaving at 7.30 a.m. to Sunday leaving at 11.45 a.m., beginning next week. Passengers for Kunming and Calcutta are requested to check in at the Peninsula Hotel at 10 a.m. on Sunday for baggage processing.

CHOLERA BAN REMOVED

It is noticed that the quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of cholera have been removed.

RADIO

ZHW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 846 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.62 megacycles in the 31 meter band from 12.15 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00.

H.K.T. 12.15 a.m.—STUDIO: Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father T. J. Sheridan. B.J. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Light Variety.

1.00 p.m.—H.K.C. Transcription Service: "Serenade to the Stars."

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.

2.00 p.m.—Music Down.

6.00 p.m.—STUDIO: Childrens Half Hour.

6.30 p.m.—STUDIO: Portraits Half Hour.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—STUDIO: "You Asked For It" Variety Request Programme.

7.30 p.m.—Lynn Fraser.

8.00 p.m.—H.K.C. Transcription Service: Fred Hartley and His Music.

8.30 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.11 p.m.—STUDIO: Hong Kong Brains Trust.

Moderators—Mr. Allen Dakkar, Mr.

T.R. Howell (Director of Education), Mr. H.G.W. Woodward,

C.B.E. (Hong Kong Correspondent for the London Times), Dr.

E.O. Cook, Dr. G.A.C. Herklots

and R. Obilias, University.

Question Master—Mr. Donald Mc-

Cullough (I.I.B.A. Brains Trust Quiz Master).

6.05 p.m.—STUDIO: "Cavalier Hussars" by the Principal Horns and Brass Band, conducted by Carlo Sabatini.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Automobile Assocn Revived

After lying dormant for six years as a result of the war, the Hong Kong Automobile Association came to life again yesterday following a meeting of some 30 pre-war members when an Interim Committee was appointed.

It was decided that the election officers of the Association should be deferred to the annual general meeting in March.

Mr. T. E. Jackson, who presided, was elected Chairman of the Interim Committee; and the following members were co-opted to serve on the Committee, in addition to the Chairman and the two pre-war Committee members, Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro and Mr. M. H. Lo.

Interim Committee:—Messrs.

L. H. Blake, E. C. Frederick,

V. C. Ferrier, R. Johannessen,

S. E. Faber, Fung Ping-fan, A.

el Arculli, F. C. Clemo, Cedric

Blaker, T. B. Wilson and F. C.

Young. The last two were not

present at the meeting. The others signified their willingness to serve.

The Chairman, Mr. T. E. Jackson, said the Association's financial position was very sound, with a Bank balance of \$4,842.60; 2,000 Hong Kong Government 4% Couverso Loan Bonds, and 30 shares in the Canton Insurance Office Ltd.

He had in mind a regular office for the Association in the centre of the city, under an experienced man, who would be assisted by a lady assistant.

Mr. Frederick suggested that the Government be approached for the lease of three or four sites to be used as car parks exclusively for the Association.

Membership fees were raised to \$50 a year, as against the pre-war rate of \$10.

Mr. Jackson asked all pre-war members to get in touch with him at the Harbour Office for re-registration.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Chow Tai-pong (27) and Yiu Shing-kwai (29), charged with conspiring, with others not in custody, to commit a robbery in Kowloon on or before Jan. 18 were remanded for 48 hours by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The first defendant was additionally charged with the possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition on Jan. 20.

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The main purpose of this exhibition is to permit the selection of the three GRAND PRIZES OF \$250

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To stimulate interest in the selection, A Special Voter's Prize of \$100 will be awarded.

It will be won by the VOTER whose list of what he considers the TEN BEST PICTURES IN THE EXHIBITION is nearest in ORDER to the general public choice.

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All that is required is that you study the pictures in exhibition, select what YOU consider to be the ten best in order of merit, and fill in the appended form:

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E. G. HAZELTON,
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HQ Land Forces, HONG KONG.

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Marine Department,
Hongkong, 22nd Jan., 1948.

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

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WILLIAM RENNIE
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the Colony of Hong Kong,
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GIVEN that the Court has by
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Probates Ordinance, 1897, made
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V. WALKER,
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Protest Strike Brings Cologne To A Standstill

Cologne, Jan. 21.

Eighty thousand workers here stayed at
home today, bringing the life of the city to a
standstill for 24 hours in a protest strike
In Nuremberg, 100,000 workers also stopped work
on the orders of their trade unions. Forty
thousand of them marched in procession
carrying banners demanding the resignation
of the Bavarian Government and an improve
ment in the food situation.

In London, Jan. 22.

No more theatre and music
hall broadcasts will be relayed
by the BBC until the Musicians
Union agree to a more reason
able fee, said the BBC today.

The Corporation issued a
statement that the BBC learns
with regret that the Musicians
Union have expressed the view
that no useful purpose will be
served by accepting an invitation
from managers to discuss new
proposals for theatre relay
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U.S. STABILISATION LOANS

Mr. Snyder's Forecast: "Prompt And Vigorous Measures" Required

Adjustment Of Exchange Rates Expected

Washington, Jan. 21.

Mr. John Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, today urged the European countries in the Marshall Plan to take "prompt and vigorous" measures for monetary stabilisation.

Testifying before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, he forecast that when such adequate steps were accomplished, the United States would extend stabilisation loans in addition to the aid she intends to give for the purchase of goods under the European recovery programme.

Mr. Snyder outlined the steps which he considered necessary by saying: "In most countries, modifications in tax structures and control of expenditures will be needed."

He added that bilateral agreements which the United States would sign with each of the 16 nations would outline the financial and monetary measures which European countries would undertake in order to stabilise currencies and maintain proper rates of exchange.

Without mentioning any country by name, Mr. Snyder also declared that "the adjustment of some exchange rates may be expected in the course of European recovery" but stressed that this is a "very complex matter."

"Accordingly it would not be good policy for us to insist on modification of the exchange rates before we extend aid," he added.

Loans?

"This revision of the rates of individual countries would, instead, be considered as part of a developmental programme of internal and external stabilisation in conjunction with United States assistance."

To ensure that these revisions will be undertaken where necessary, recipient countries will be asked to agree that when, in the opinion of the United States Government, their exchange rates are imposing an unjustifiable burden on their balances of payments, they will consult with the International Monetary Fund about revision", Mr. Snyder said.

Turning to the United States role in contributing to European financial stability, Mr. Snyder said: "After progress has been made towards internal stabilisation in the European countries by balancing budgets, increasing production and expanding trade, the time will arrive when it may be appropriate to make stabilisation loans which will give greater assurance to the people of the

— Reuter.

Warning

"There is greater confidence in the stability of money if there is gold or dollars in the hands of a central bank. At an appropriate point in the programme, it would be well worthwhile to give countries this additional assurance by extending loans to provide reserves."

Mr. Snyder thought it was probable that in 1948 and probably in 1949 some countries of Europe would be in a position to use such loans effectively.

Once again he warned against Congress insisting that the European countries should liquidate their gold and dollar assets and American investments in return for American assistance.

He also warned against onerous lending terms.

It must be kept in mind, he said, that the European countries had already incurred obligations for large annual payments of interest and amortisation arising from dollar loans for a period of years.

As Mr. Snyder appeared before the House Group, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee heard representatives of America's ex-service men's organisations strongly urge the Marshall Plan enactment.

Mr. James O'Neil, Commander of the American Legion, said failure to put the Plan into effect would result in Communist control of all Europe.

Mr. Ray Brannaman, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars said such development would be the realisation of the goal for which Germany fought and lost two major wars.—Reuter.

Devaluation was believed to be on the agenda for today's French Cabinet meeting, but no mention of it was made in a statement issued afterwards.—Reuter.

Parcel Bombs

Prague, Jan. 21.

The Czechoslovak Minister of Justice said in the Constituent Assembly today that inquiries into the despatch of parcel bombs some time ago to three Ministers had led to the finding of large illegal stores of arms and ammunition in Communist Party hands at Olomouc, Moravia.

The Minister added that the State Prosecutor was holding the Communist deputy, M. Sosnar, responsible.—Reuter.

Minister Called An "Old Goat"

BY PETER KALISCHER

TOKYO, JAN. 20.

SCORCHING AUSTRALIAN PROTESTS — FEMININE-GREETED THE NEWS TODAY THAT THE FAR EAST AIR FORCE IS REGRET-FULLY TERMINATING THE SERVICES OF AUSTRALIANS IN THE PACIFIC AND THE FAR EAST AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WANTS THEM TO GO HOME.

A total of 175 men and women are involved, but most of them are in Guam and the Marianas command. Only six are in Tokyo—all women—but they are vociferous in condemning Australian Immigration Minister Archibald Calwell as "high handed," "dictatorial and downright mean" for originating the request to FEAF.

Red-haired Hope King, of Canberra, at present employed in the communications section of air force headquarters, said: "This amounts to depriving me of my job and security. I have no home in Australia at present. Does the Australian Government propose to guarantee me employment?"

She explained she has been working for army General headquarters since Brisbane and is making more money now than she could be in Australia. She also pointed out that her passport is still good for five years and is in perfect order.

Another, who wished her name to be withheld, said she planned to return to Australia in eight weeks anyway, but "re-requested the Government action."

She said: "I never thought it will be able to do such a thing. After all, there is no state of emergency."

Apparently so far unaffected by the Australian request are other Australian women civilians working in other SCAP section. All of them hold highly important secretarial jobs, and two of them as secretaries to Generals. They are unanimously grateful that the order does not apply to them.

Referring to Mr. Calwell, one said: "We ought to let the old goat blow his top."—United Press.

Atomic Research Centre In China

Nanking, Jan. 22.

The establishment of an atomic research centre in China to permit the country to compete with the United States, Russia, France and other nations in the study of nuclear fission for peacetime benefits is the goal of a group of Chinese scientists.

Dr. Li Shu-hua, Director of the National Academy at Peiping, has requested the Ministry of Education to ask Government for an initial appropriation of US\$400,000 to establish a research centre to build a cyclotron at the Peiping Academy.

Dr. Li has been consulting various Government officials on the project. He says that both men and materials are available in China for the project and with an adequate appropriation organised studies could begin almost immediately in atomic energy and nuclear fission.

He said that Dr. Chiang An-chiang, former student of Madame Curie, has been asked to direct the project. Other Chinese scientists who worked at the Manhattan project would be asked to return to China. Among these are Dr. Jen Chih-kung and Dr. Tseng Chao-jun, both of whom are on the staff of the University of California atomic laboratory. — United Press.

The two other men were First Lieutenant Irving Rothblatt, lost when American planes sank a Japanese prison ship on January 10, 1945, and Major Thomas B. Smothers Jr., who died of pneumonia on April 26, 1945.—Associated Press.

P.O.W.'s Bet In Bottle

Washington, Jan. 22.

The Army today identified two men who made a bet in a Japanese prison camp on when they would be released and then buried the agreement in a bottle.

The American Command in the Philippines disclosed the bottle was discovered in the grounds of the former Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines, containing the signed US\$1,000 bet. Only one of the three bettors—Major V. O. McCollom—survived.

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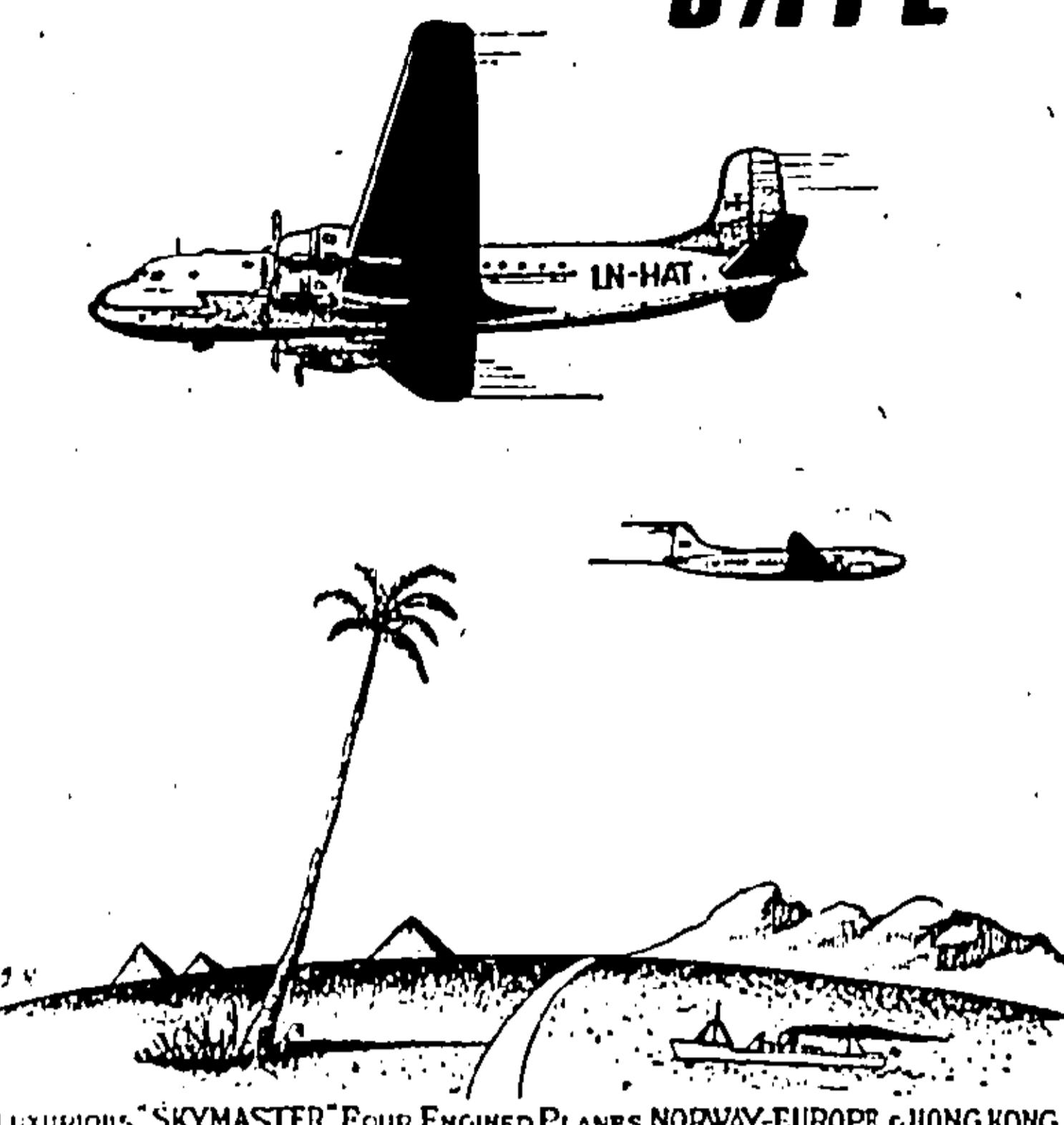
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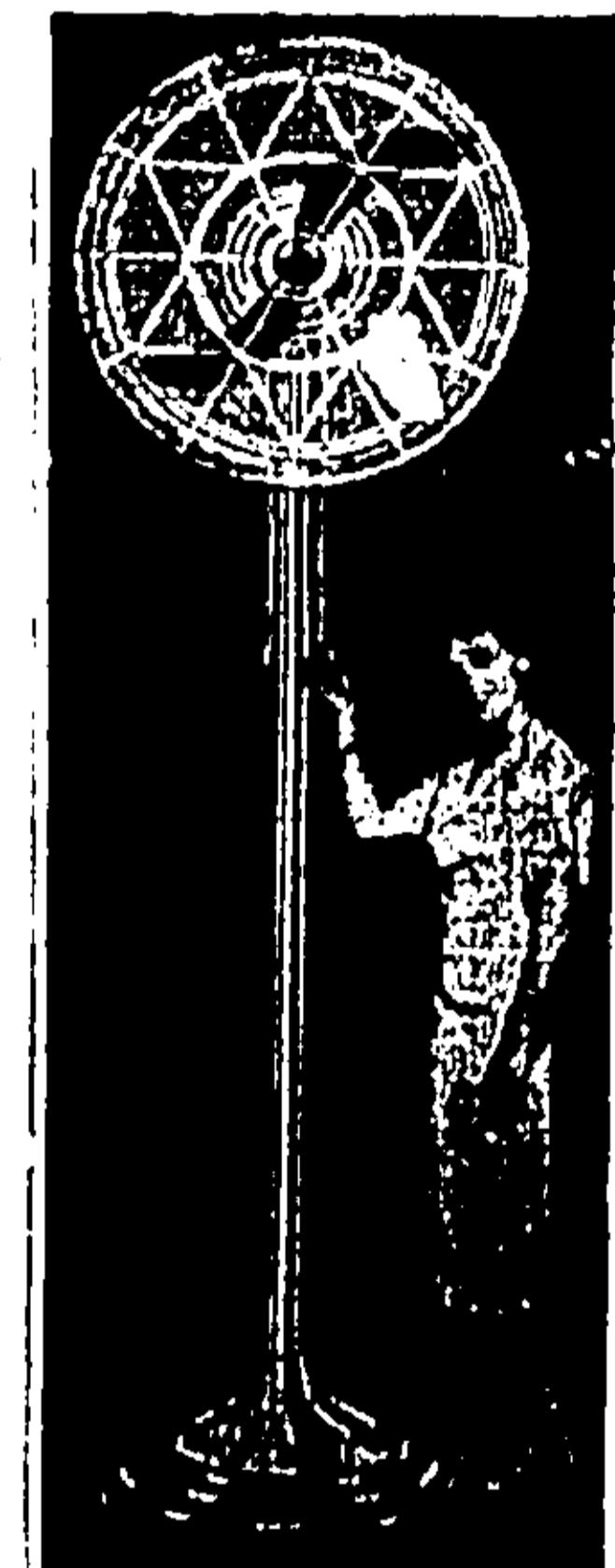
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Singapore Remains A Crown Colony

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 22. Only the Crown colony of Singapore, one of the break bastions of the Empire, was excepted in the signing of agreements yesterday by Great Britain with the rulers of nine Malayan states, creating a Federation of Malaya, and returning internal self-government to the Malay peninsula.

The new Federation, which represents the latest application of Britain's liberal post-war Colonial policy, will become a going concern after the Governor, Sir Edward Gent, issues an order in Council, probably about Feb. 1.

Thereafter, Britain waives jurisdiction in Malaya over everything except external affairs, defence and appeals to the Privy Council, the Empire's supreme judicial body.

Sir Edward will become High Commissioner, British Resident Commissioners in each state will have advisory powers only.

The agreements were signed at a colourful ceremony at King's House in this capital, by Sir Edward for Britain and by the Sultans of Kedah, Kelantan, Pahang, Selangor, Perak and Trengganu; the Rajah of Perlis and His Highness Yang Di Per, Tuah Begar and other ruling chiefs of Negeri Sembilan. Union Ended

A special plane later flew to Johore for the signature of the Sultan of Johore. Illness prevented him from attending the ceremony here. His State also is a member of the new Federation.

Sadistic Terror In China

Nanking, Jan. 22. "Not even the Japanese at their worst touched the lower depth of sadistic terrorism than now being witnessed in some parts of the Communist controlled regions," declared Dr. Hollington Tong, Government information director at a press conference this afternoon, referring to the murder of the three Lutheran missionaries in Hupeh by Communists.

Civilization is under the threat of a complete breakdown in regions under Communist control, Dr. Tong added. "The Communist armies are leaving a red line of savagery behind, which the terror-stricken population is suffering."

Dr. Tong estimated that the number of Chinese men, women and children who have fled from their homes in destitution before the advance of the Communist armies "is not far under 50,000,000."

Dr. Tong continued: "These displaced persons in almost unbelievable misery are crowding every Government controlled city. They constitute the most gigantic displaced population problem in the world today," he said.

Dr. Tong said that what is happening behind the "iron curtain" in Red controlled China is "a challenge to the conscience of the Christian world."—Reuter.

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 22.

New Comet Sighted

Prague, Jan. 21. The State Observatory of Czechoslovakia has reported observing a new comet during the night of Jan. 18. The observatory described the comet as an object of the 10th astral magnitude, with increasing thickness in the centre and a short tail, moving north eastwards.—Reuter.

"Haganah" As "Ground" For Divorce

London, Jan. 22.

Mr. Harold Robert John Townsend, formerly in the Criminal Investigation Department of the Palestine Police, was granted a divorce today on the ground of desertion by his wife.

He said that she was a member of the Jewish organisation "Haganah" and he thought that she married him in 1943 to get access to confidential information.—Reuter.

Chinese Boycott

The associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce of Malaya have announced that they are boycotting the legislatures until provisions of a new Constitution limiting citizenship and giving Malaya legislative majorities are rescinded.

The treaties signed soon after the war by Sir Harold Macmillan are abrogated. The Malayan rulers had protested that they were forced to become parties to the treaties against their will.—Associated Press.

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The Police are seen here breaking up a crowd which gathered when anti-monarchist demonstrators tried to break up the memorial service for the late ex-King Victor Emmanuel III in the Pantheon, Rome, on January 4th. His father and grandfather—Umberto I and Victor Emmanuel II—the second and first Kings of a unified Italy are both buried in the Pantheon. (APhoto).

"Confessions" In Judzel "Trial"

Belgrade, Jan. 22.

British and Americans were to help members of the "Judzel," described as an illegal Yugoslav terrorist and spying organisation, Ali Abdul Rachman, the first accused, told the Skopje court when the trial of Judzel members was resumed today.

The organisation got into touch with "the representative of a foreign power in Belgrade," Rachman stated, on the written recommendation of the Turkish Consul, Ensi Ebey Gerek.

The prisoner said that at a meeting of the illegal organisation he was told that the Consul had ordered Judzel to "find a channel through which Albanians living in hiding could be got into Greece."

Asked in what way the terrorist organisation intended to seize power, the accused said: "Our task consisted in keeping in touch with other illegal organisations to fight with them and in case of war to attack the Yugoslav armies in their rear."

Asked what other organisation the Judzel contacted, Rachman said, Imro (illegal prewar Macedonian terrorist organisation). And who would help you? the President of the court asked.

"The Anglo-Americans," Rachman said.

Another accused, Suleiman Musser, charged as chief of the diversionist unit of Judzel, was said to have joined the "highest government organ" of Skopje on the instructions of the Turkish Consulate and "the Belgrade re-

Wants To Be Declared "A Man"

PARIS, JAN. 21. A 28-YEAR-OLD NIGHT CLUB ENTERTAINER HAS FILED WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, M. VINCENT AURIOL, AN APPLICATION TO BE REGARDED IN FUTURE AS A MAN.

M. Theodore Valensi, Paris lawyer who is dealing with the application, said today that his client first sought the President's approval, as required by law, for official recognition of the change in 1940.

The war made it impossible to proceed with the application.

After the liberation M. Valensi added, his client, who had dressed as a man for several years, re-submitted the application, since tobacco rations were available only to men and shaving soap was also "on tickets."

These items were now off the ration, but "the Prefecture of Police has been enforcing a law prohibiting women from masquerading as men. My client therefore wishes to be officially recognised as a man to avoid trouble if asked for identity papers."—Reuter.

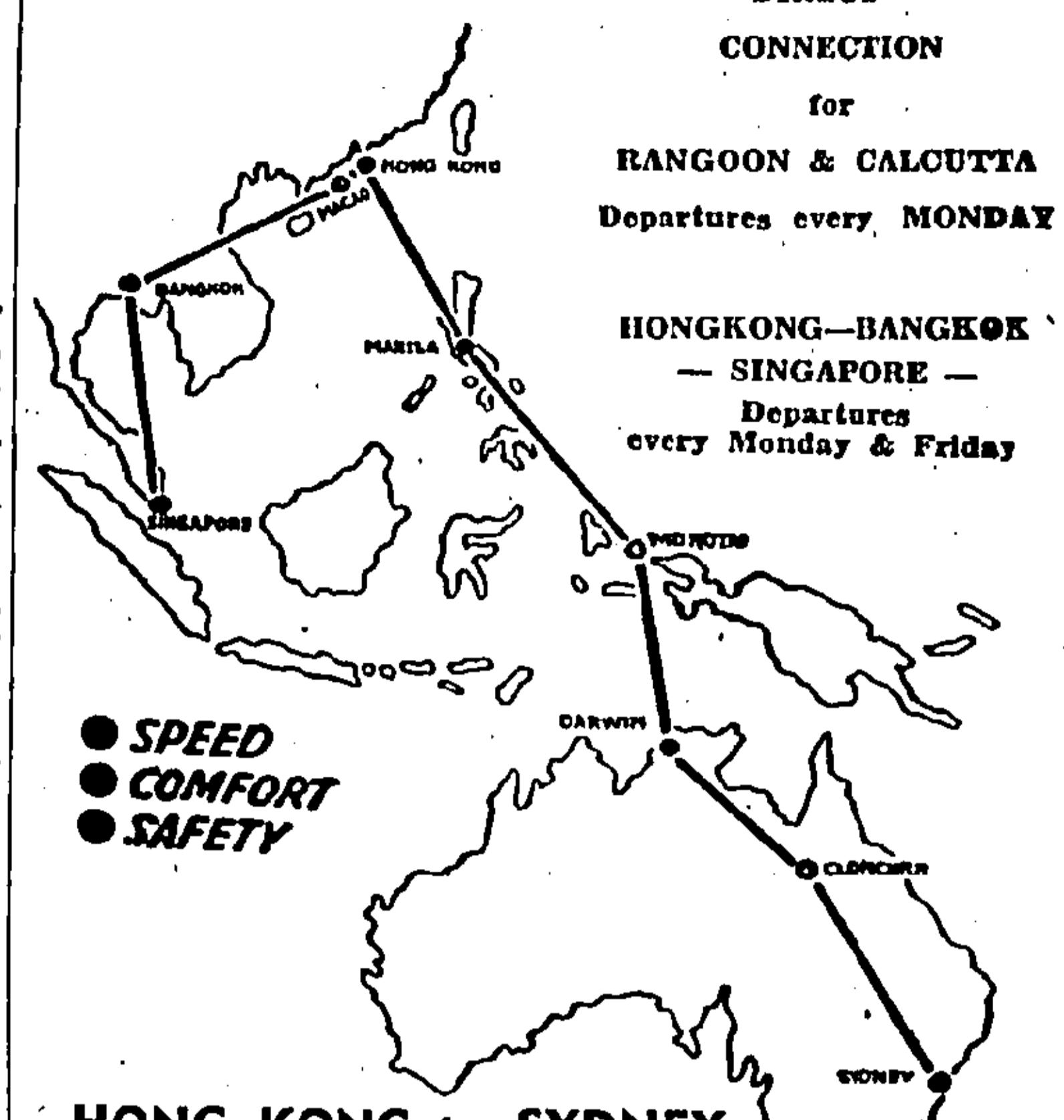
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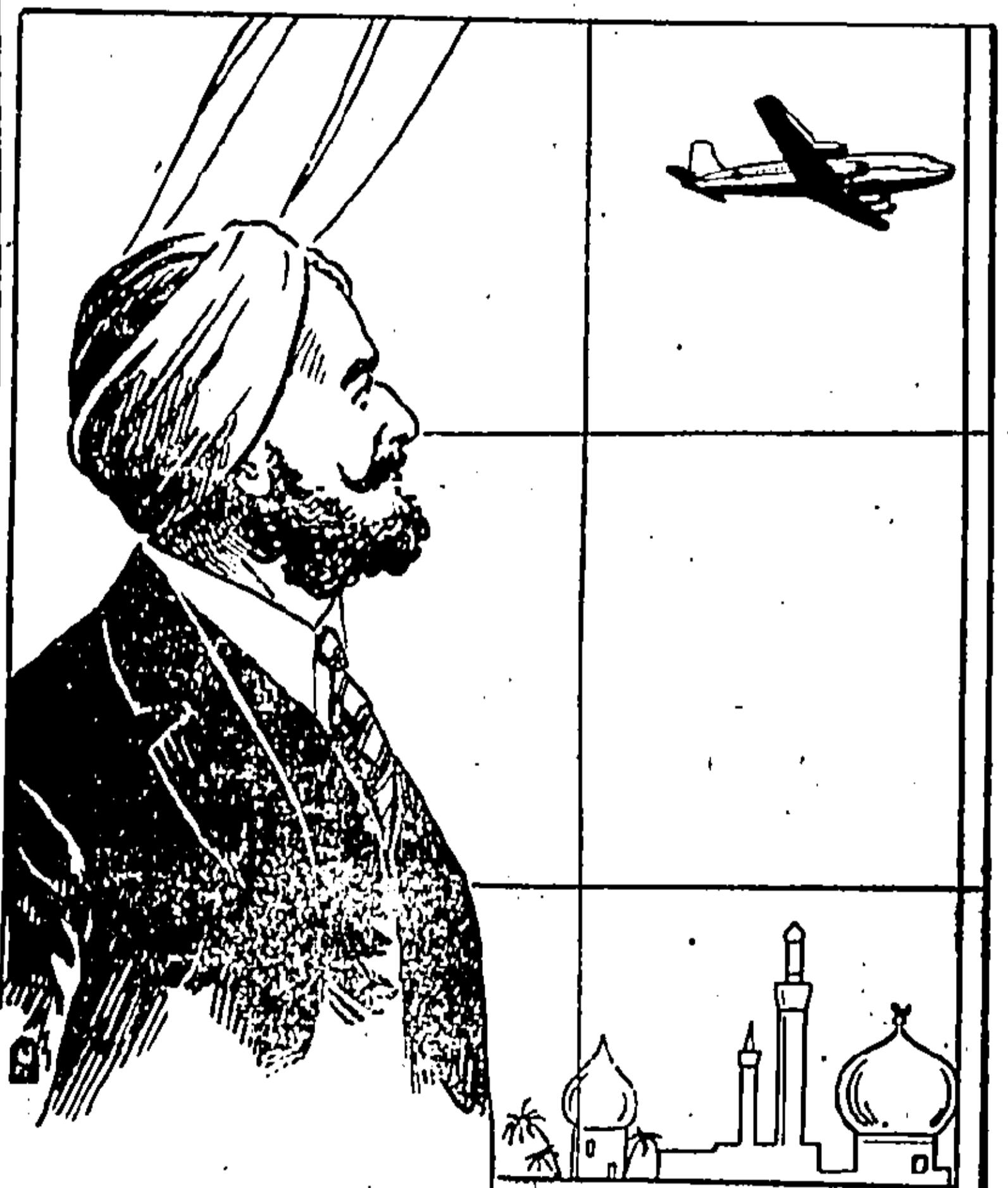
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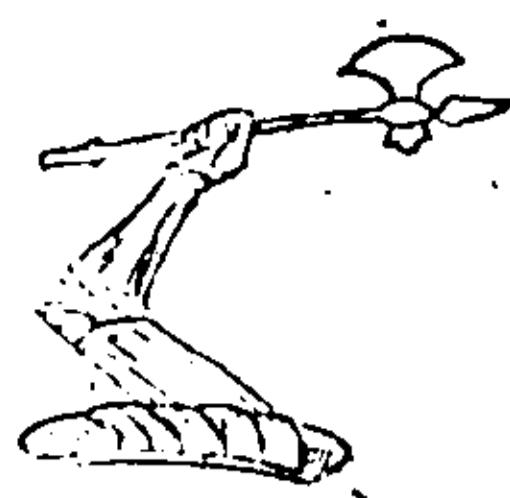


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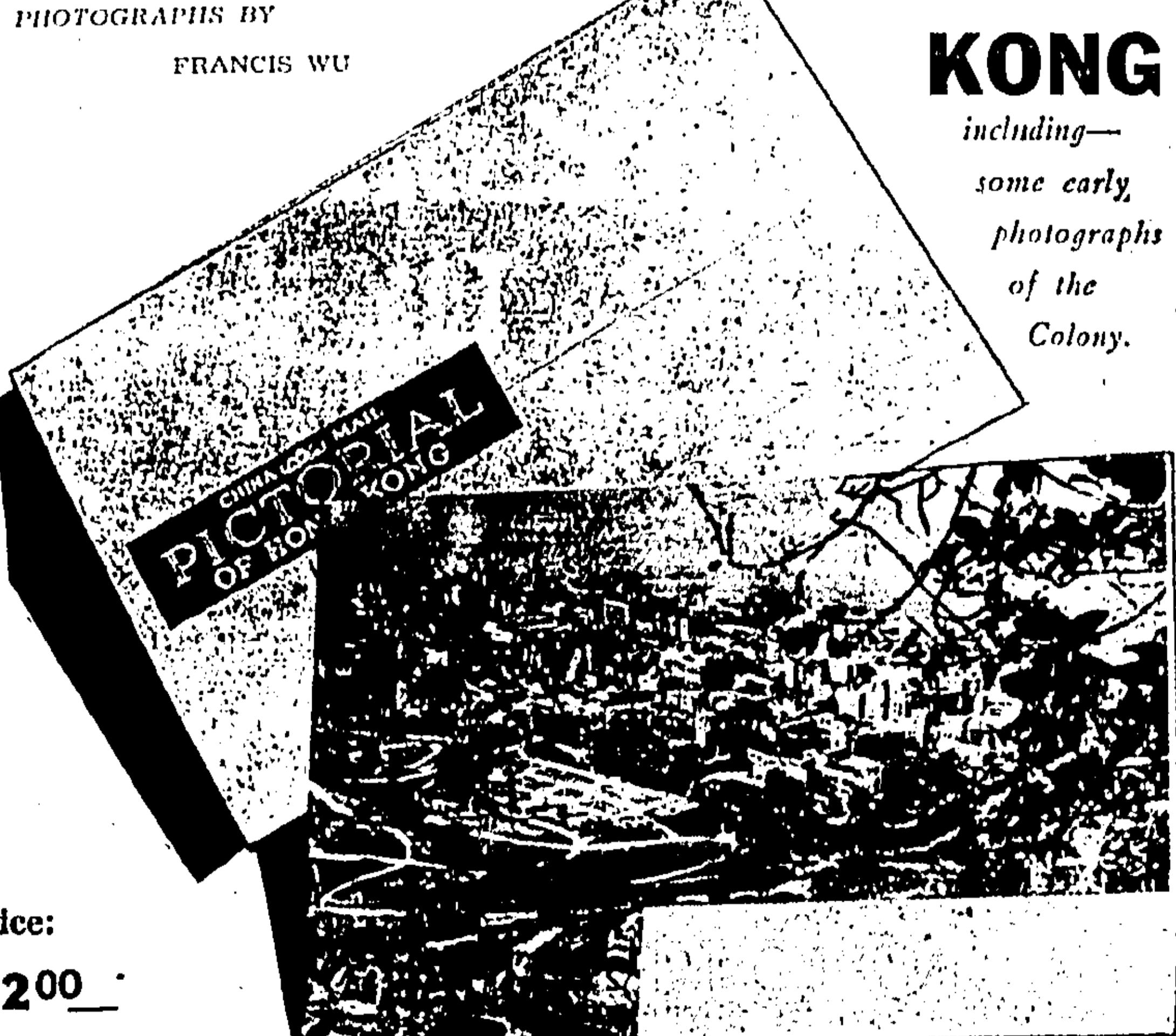
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MORE SECRET DOCUMENTS

Hitler's Conferences With Molotov On "The Splitting Of The World"

Secret Protocol On Lithuania

Washington, Jan. 21. Hitler and the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, agreed that Soviet territorial aspirations lay "south of the Soviet Union, in the direction of the Indian Ocean," it was revealed tonight when German Foreign Office records of German-Soviet relations between 1939 and the invasion of Russia in 1941 were published by the State Department. The records cover conferences between Hitler and M. Molotov on the splitting of the world into Russian, German, Italian and Japanese spheres of influence, and discussion of the "division of the British Empire."

Subsequently, though no agreement was ever signed, M. Molotov demanded that the area south of Batum and Baku ("in the general direction of the Persian Gulf") be recognised additionally as a centre of Soviet aspirations.

The State Department gave no explanation for the publication of these documents.

The British Foreign Office and the State Department had agreed to publish together, in chronological form, all documents captured from German archives.

In today's release, made without British cooperation, observers here saw considerable diplomatic significance in the timing, because it had been kept secret as likely to offend Russia.

Secret Protocols

The text of various secret protocols to the treaties between Germany and Soviet Russia are given.

These include a secret additional protocol to the non-aggression pact of August, 1939, whereby Lithuania was established as the boundary between the German and Soviet spheres of influence.

It provided that the question whether Poland was to be independent was to be determined later by friendly agreement, and Germany declared her political disinterestedness in South-Eastern Europe.

The documents include memoranda on Hitler's interviews with representatives of all the Axis powers, including Japan, as far as these affected Soviet-German relations.

Matsuoka

A memorandum of an interview between Hitler and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Matsuoka, on March 27, 1941, said: "The Führer then spoke of his conviction that England had already lost the war.

"It was only a matter of having the intelligence to admit it."

Washington, Jan. 21.

Uranium Found Down Under

Sydney, Jan. 21. Uranium ore has been discovered in a disused copper and silver mine in a remote part of New South Wales, the Sydney Morning Herald reported from Canberra today.

Government experts believe the area has definite potentialities as a source of uranium, used for atomic power. The Federal Government recently offered a reward of £1,000 for the discovery of new sources of the ore in the Dominion.—Reuter.

No Protest From London

LONDON, JAN. 21. BRITAIN WILL MAKE NO FORMAL PROTEST IN BUENOS AIRES ABOUT THE SETTING UP OF AN ARGENTINE BASE ON DECEPTION ISLAND, WHICH IS PART OF BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN STATED TONIGHT.

It was, however, assumed that representations would have been made locally by the British magistrates concerned who had standing instructions to make protests against such incidents.

Deception Island is part of the Falkland Island Dependencies which, together with the Falkland Islands, are claimed as Argentine territory by the Argentine Government.

Despite this outstanding claim, the Foreign Office spokesman said relations between the nationals of the two powers in the Antarctic were at present friendly.—Reuter.

No British Arms For Palestine Arabs

London, Jan. 21. Britain's intention to prevent arms reaching either the Jews or the Arabs directly or through third parties, was reiterated by a Foreign Office spokesman today.

At a press conference, in which he was severely heckled by correspondents, he denied suggestions that the new Anglo-Iraqi pact, which guarantees the supply of British military equipment, and the exchange of letters which took place simultaneously, in which Iraq draws attention to her obligations under the Covenant of the Arab League, are in conflict with the British decision to prevent arms being smuggled into Palestine.

This view was strongly contested by the Foreign Office spokesman who maintained that he could see no connection between Britain's undertaking to send arms to Iraq and Britain's firm intention prevent arms coming into Palestine for use by Jews and Arabs.

He stated that until the termination of the British mandate on May 15, 1948, the strictest frontier control would be implemented to prevent the smuggling of arms.—Reuter.

Soviet Gold Holdings

Washington, Jan. 22. President Harry Truman today sent Congress a report showing the Soviet Union's gold holdings are larger than any nation except the United States.

The U.S. gold pile was US\$22,760,000,000 last June 30. The rest of the world had US\$14,000,000,000 in gold. Russia had US\$2,500,000,000 worth of monetary gold plus US\$30,000,000 in dollar balances in the U.S.

Britain was the next with gold holdings of US\$2,300,000,000. Switzerland was next with US\$1,355,000,000. The combined gold and dollar assets of the 10 European nations in the Marshall Plan programme had US\$13,650,000,000 in dollar assets and gold.—Associated Press.

Diplomats Had Men In Their Trunks

Moscow, Jan. 21. Russia and Argentina have settled amicably the incident in which two Argentine diplomats tried to smuggle two men out of the Soviet Union in luggage trunks.

Two members of the Argentine Embassy in Moscow, Senor Pedro Conde, the Labour Attaché, and Senor Clifredo Bazar, are now being sent back to the Argentine.

While en route from Moscow, Senor Conde took among his luggage a large steamer trunk in which a man was concealed.

The man knocked on the trunk and asked to be let out and the aircraft was then landed at Lvov, Poland, where Customs officials questioned Senor Conde.

Originally Senor Bazar was at Moscow Airport with Senor Conde and among his luggage was another steamer trunk in which another man was concealed.

Yokohama American Woman's Suicide

YOKOHAMA, JAN. 22. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS SAID TODAY THAT MRS. LEONARD H. LORANCE OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON D. C., DIED AFTER TAKING POISON IN A YOKOHAMA RAILWAY STATION AND THAT A JAPANESE MAN DIED AT THE SAME TIME.

Both Mrs. Lorance, who was the wife of a United States Army sergeant stationed here, and Rokuo Mizuhashi, Japanese artist, died in the 15th Station Hospital on Tuesday shortly after being rushed from Takashima railway station.

They took poison at about 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, according to an Eighth Army announcement.

The Eighth Army and the Australian Mission in Tokyo said they believed Mrs. Lorance was an Australian citizen.—Associated Press.

86 Drowned

Santiago, Jan. 21. The latest casualty list showed 86 drowned and several score missing after the capsizing of the small steamer Cautin in the Imperial River yesterday.

The Cautin was an 84-ton vessel with a capacity of 100 persons, but was reported to be carrying about 350 people.—United Press.

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Royal Navy Reduced By 1,000 Warships

London, Jan. 21. Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, today told Parliament that four of Britain's battleships will be scrapped during the next 12 months. The ships, the scrapping of which will mean the disappearance of some world-famous names from the Royal Navy, are Queen Elizabeth, 32,700 tons, Valiant, 31,000 tons, Nelson, 33,950 tons, and Rodney, 33,900 tons.

Disclosing the decisions at a specially convened gathering of naval correspondents earlier, Lord Hall had opened with the words: "The First Sea Lord and I feel like patriots taking a funeral service for a number of very old friends."

Lord Hall also announced that the 30,750-ton battle cruiser, Renown, would be scrapped, and that several cruisers, believed to number seven, will also be scrapped.

What the future strength of the Royal Navy will be after the scrapping is not clear, but Lord Hall told the correspondents: "We have, of course, five modern battleships which we shall retain." They are: Duke of York, Howe, King George V, Anson (all with standard displacement of 35,000 tons) and Vanguard, 42,500 tons.

Lord Hall explained that the battleships to be scrapped had become more and more out of date in their armaments and inability to keep up with modern developments to keep in reserve in a proper state of repair.

"We have been forced to conclude that even if we could afford the manpower and money to keep them in reserve, they would be of very little value in the future," he declared.

Lord Hall, however, shirked his head when asked by correspondents whether the decision was made because it was felt that battleships might be obsolete in atomic warfare.

"We still retain battleships and still think they are of great fighting value," he said.

Official Story

The full official story of the scrapping was disclosed simultaneously in both Houses of Parliament this afternoon.

A Government statement said: "The useful life of a battleship is normally reckoned to be approximately 20 years. This period is calculated on normal peacetime usage and is greatly reduced when the vessels are subjected to arduous war service."

"As a result of review, the Admiralty has come to the conclusion that, of the capital ships remaining in the Royal Navy, Queen Elizabeth, Valiant, Renown, Nelson and Rodney are likely to be of the least value as fighting ships."

The possibility of maintaining the battleships in reserve was considered, but they would be costly to maintain in this state, both in money and manpower.

"If they were to be of any value in a future emergency, they would need extensive refits and modernisation, which, in view of the heavy cost and labour involved, could not be justified during the next few years."

"Even if the work was done, the vessels would fall considerably short of the standard and capabilities of modern construction."

"In particular, their speed could not be increased to such an extent as to render them capable of taking their place in a modern fleet."

Explaining the decision to dispose of a number of cruisers and smaller ships which were obsolescent or of little fighting value, the statement added: "This action does not represent any new departure but is a continuation of the process which has been going on since hostilities ceased, under which redundant and outdated

Soviet Crop Programme

Washington, Jan. 22. American crop experts reported today that Russia had developed a "significant grain export programme."

Soviet production of the five principal grains, wheat, rye, corn, barley and oats, in 1947 was about one-fifth below the pre-war figures.

"Nevertheless, compulsory deliveries by Russian farmers to the Government from which exports originate under the Soviet state monopoly were reported as equal to the best pre-war years," they said.

The experts said the Soviet Government already has exported or committed to export 2,867,000 long tons of grain. Of this about half is bread grains, wheat and rye. This exceeds the average annual Soviet shipment during the period between the two world wars.—United Press.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Pleasant, 3 Avid, 5 Corporal, 11 Disputer, 13 Envoy, 14 Deplored, 15 Diluting, 19 Sibyl, 21 Diversified, 23 Concierge, 26 Dale, 27 Saluting.

Marshall Agrees With Bevin

Washington, Jan. 21. He was in full agreement with Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, as to the seriousness of the German food situation. Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, said today.

Commenting on Mr. Bevin's personal message to him on the subject of food for Germany, Mr. Marshall, at his press conference, said he was particularly interested in Mr. Bevin's ideas about supplies of fish for Germany from the Scandinavian countries.

He added that a reply to the British Foreign Secretary was under preparation.—Reuter.

Ship Sunk By Mine

London, Jan. 21. Lloyds shipping intelligence reported from Copenhagen to-night that the 1,485-ton Eatoon steamer Maria was sunk by a mine explosion 14 kilometres south east of Moen, in the Baltic Sea, while on its way to Rostock.

The crew was saved and was landed partly at Stubækjøbing, Denmark, and partly at Trelleborg, Sweden.—Reuter.

SAW SERVICE IN TWO WORLD WARS

London, Jan. 21. Two of the four battleships to be scrapped saw service in two world wars.

Queen Elizabeth was commissioned in December, 1944, and was flagship of the Eastern Mediterranean squadron in the 1941-1948 World War, taking part in the Dardanelles campaign.

The surrender of the German fleet was negotiated on board the vessel in November, 1918, when she was the flagship of Admiral Beatty, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet.

During the last World War, she was seriously damaged by human torpedoes in Alexandria Harbour in 1941, but after repairs she served against the Japanese in the Far East.

Valiant was the first battleship to be launched in the 1914 War and went undamaged through the battle of Jutland. During the last war, she served in the Mediterranean, where, like Queen Elizabeth, she was damaged by a human torpedo attack at Alexandria. After repair, she had a notable share in the campaign against Italy, both at sea and by bombarding Italian positions shore.

Nelson was commissioned in 1927 and Rodney was completed a few months later the same year.

General Eisenhower and Marshal Badoglio signed the Italian Armistice.

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The "Sydney Sun's" Canberra correspondent said: "It is believed the organisation is extensive and provides for fueling stations en route, either in Indonesia or Timor.

"Plane land in Australia, arrive gold and depart almost immediately."

"Stricter watch by police and patrol officers in the northern territory has been ordered."—Associated Press.

Clues Across

1 Vehicles, 4 Kind of energy, 5 Illicit trade, 10 Make a separation, 12 Extreme right, 14 See, 15 Make, 16 Late, 20 Ecstasy, 22 Send out, 23 Walked heavily, 27 Alarm-bell, 29 Suppose, 30 Head chief, 31 Confusion, 32 Follow on.

Clues Down

1 God of love, 16 Material, 18 Certain, 20 Abandon evil, 21 Fall, 22 Bring into being, 24 Excessive, 25 Vandals, 26 Mourful tune, 28 Dungeon, 30 See, 32 Follow on.

Iraqian Treaty Denounced

BAGDAD, Jan. 21. THE IRAQ REGENT AND CROWN PRINCE AND POLITICAL LEADERS DECIDED AT A MEETING HERE THAT THE NEW ANGLO-IRAQ TREATY "DOES NOT REALISE THE NATIONAL aims OF THE COUNTRY." A ROYAL PALACE STATEMENT ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

"The Regent promised that there shall be no ratification of any treaty which does not realise the country's rights and national demands," the statement added.

The decision was reached unanimously after a five-hour meeting of the Regent and Crown Prince, Senators and leading statesmen and representatives of political parties.

The Prime Minister was recalled to Baghdad today, where he was expected to arrive within three days. He went to England, where he signed the new treaty at Plymouth last Thursday.—Reuter.

Rhine Reopen To Shipping

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 22. The whole Rhine is now open to shipping, it was announced here today with a gap 30 metres wide having been cleared through the ruins of the provisional bridge which collapsed here during floods early this month.

Shipments from the Lower to the Upper Rhine are now possible again after nearly three weeks suspension.

In Frankfurt, the bipartite transport group announced that the extensive flooding throughout the combined Anglo-American zone during the past three weeks hampered transport so that only 40 percent of the coal earmarked for distribution had been moved.

With the floods receding the transport group hoped that 50 percent of the scheduled coal shipments could be moved before January 25.—Reuter.

Paradise For Gold Smugglers

Sydney, Jan. 22. Australian authorities believe Singapore is a clearing house for gold illegally exported from Australia, but they have tried without success to get a lead through the Malayan Administration, a Government source in Canberra said today.

A gold smuggling organisation is credited in Canberra with having cleared thousands of pounds from illicit activities.

The "Sydney Sun's" Canberra correspondent said: "It is believed the organisation is extensive and provides for fueling stations en route, either in Indonesia or Timor.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

KONINKLIJKE JAVA-CHINA-PAKETVAART LIJNEN N.V.
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Tel: Shipping Dept. 28017.
Chinese Agents, Connaught Road, C. No. 82, Tel. 25188.

CHINA and JAPAN LINES

DUE FROM		SAILING FOR
"TJIBADAK"	In Port	Batavia, Semarang, Soerabaya & Macassar 24th Jan.

"TJIBESAR"	Japan 29th Jan.	Batavia, Semarang, Soerabaya & Macassar 31st Jan.
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ORIENT-JAVA-AFRICA LINE

SOUTH-ATLANTIC LINE

Due from	Loading for
TEGELBERG	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Montevideo, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro.

Sailing for
Shanghai
5th Feb.

Transhipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for
Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.

"STRAAT SOENDA"	South America, South Africa 23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Yokohama 27th Jan.
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RUYS	South America South Africa 31st Jan.	South Africa South America 10th March
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DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE	Due from	Sailing for
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Amoy & Swatow 25th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Alvarez Dell 26th Jan.

"HEINRICHJESSEN"	Belawan Dell Penang & Singapore 2nd Feb.	Belawan Dell 9th Feb.
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Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE	LEOPOLDSKERK"	Due from	Loading for
Japan & Shanghai, 10th Feb.	Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/Suez/ Port Said/ Alexandria/ Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Gothenburg/Oslo on or about 24th Feb.		

"MOLENKERK"	Europe 25th Jan.	Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/Suez/ Port Said/ Alexandria/ Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Gothenburg/Oslo on or about 24th Feb.
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"MEERKERK"	Europe, late Feb.	Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/Suez/ Port Said/ Alexandria/ Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Gothenburg/Oslo early March.
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Agents: SILVER LINE LTD.	"HENDONHALL"	Due from	Sailing for
U.S. Atlantic ports, U.S. Atlantic Coast late February		Ports via Singapore and Suez,	

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Atlantic Coast)	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
via Los Angeles)	16th Jan.	m.v. "MINDORO"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast)	23rd Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
via Los Angeles)	30th Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
San Francisco & Los Angeles)	24th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Atlantic Coast)	1st Feb.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
via Los Angeles)	21st Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"

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AMERICAN PLANS TO MAKE JAPAN SELF-SUPPORTING

Washington, Jan. 21.

The United States is planning to introduce measures to make Japan "self-supporting at the earliest possible time," the United States notified the Far Eastern Commission.

The American statement said the army will soon ask Congress for funds for the 12 months beginning July 1 to provide bare necessities for the Japanese and also to supply industrial raw materials, spare parts, and other items required for expansion of peaceful Japanese production.

Major-General Frank McCoy, U.S. member of the Commission, told today's meeting:

"The United States Government, recognising that the co-operation of the Far Eastern Commission and its member states is essential to the successful accomplishment of a programme for bringing about a self-supporting economy in Japan, requests favourable consideration of future policies to be presented to the Commission by this end."

This statement was interpreted by other officials as meaning that when the United States wants to send businessmen to Japan or take other measures to stimulate production and increase trade, it will ask policy approval from the Commission.

Only Alternative

McCoy said the American people "will not continue indefinitely to subsidise the economy of Japan." He said making Japan self-supporting is the alternative. Present U.S. expenditures on Japan's civilian economy run to about US\$350,000,000 a year.

"Economic chaos in Japan has been prevented only at the expense of the American people, who have financed the importation of vital food and other materials required to prevent widespread disease and unrest," McCoy said.

"It is the view of the United States Government that if the fundamental objectives of the occupation are to be achieved and if there are to be established the conditions necessary to enable Japan to make its proper contribution to the economic rehabilitation of world economy my and to take its place among the community of nations, a much greater effort must be made to bring about the attainment of a self-supporting Japan with a reasonable standard of living," Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Jan. 22. Stocks dropped sharply at the close yesterday, the leaders finished fractions to two lower, and half-hourly sales of selling orders took the market tone a little below the previous day.

The selling erased earlier gains by many rails, air transports, favoured oil and farm implements.

Altogether 1,100,000 shares were traded.

Phillips Petroleum was off 25¢ at \$32.50 and rose to \$32.50 before it reversed the trend.

Plastics were also easier—rising 5 points after opening at \$11.50 a 100, the rate sold down to 100¢ at the close.

Chinese National Currency futures opened at 34 cents, went up to 35.475 cents, and fell back to 34.225 cents at the close.

Spot opened at 40 cents, and fell to 38 cents. (for CN\$10,000) at the close.

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U.S. dollars were quiet at \$4.00. Sterling was unchanged at \$13.05, as were also Australian pounds at \$12.51.

London, Jan. 21.

Customs Union With France?

Paris, Jan. 21.

Usually well-informed sources said to-night that Britain has offered France a far-reaching customs union, merging the sterling and franc areas, to avoid danger of sterling.

The offer was stated to have been made by Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, head of the Economic and Financial Section of the Foreign Office, in his meetings today with French leaders, including the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the Minister of Finance, M. René Mayer.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold ended off to \$318.50 a tael towards the close of the market yesterday. It had opened at \$322.50 and rose to \$324.50 before it reversed the trend.

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SILVER & GOLD MARKETS

London—

Silver, Spot, per fine ounce 45¢;

Bar Gold, per fine ounce 172/3.

New York—

Silver, Bar (asked price) 74-1/2¢.

Bar Gold, per fine ounce (official)

50¢ (N. Y. Unofficial). \$ unquoted.

Buenos Aires—

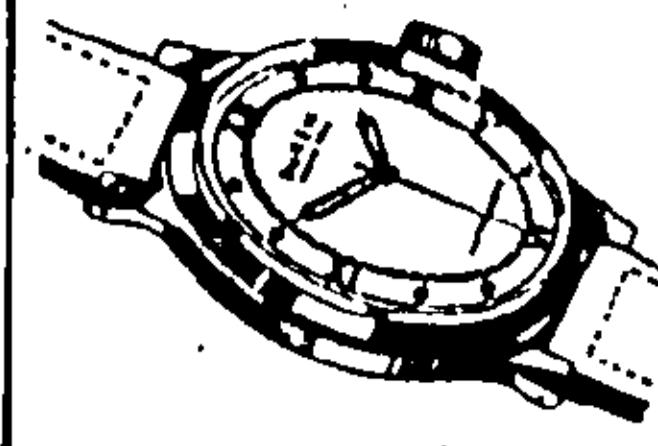
Sovereign, buyers 68.00, sellers 69.00.

London—Eagles, 125.00, 127.00.

Gold, Bar, Gramme, 6.25, 6.55.

Bombay—

Silver, Ready, per



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SOCER TRIAL GAMES

Selecting China Olympic Team

GANDHI ASKS COMPASSION FOR YOUTH

New Delhi, Jan. 21. Mahatma Gandhi reflected today to the bomb incident near his prayer meeting last night by asking his audience to have compassion for that young man who told the police he had come to kill me because he thought that I was an evil person."

There were more armed police guards about than usual when Mr. Gandhi was carried in an armchair to the small wooden platform from which he addressed the crowd through a microphone.—Reuter.

How The Jockeys Fared

Winning jockeys of the first three days of the Annual Race Meeting were:

Jockey	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Shih, W. K.	1	2	3	4	5
Nordt, V. V.	1	3	2	4	5
Black, D.	1	2	3	4	5
Brodie, L. A.	1	3	2	4	5
Bovort, M. M.	1	3	2	4	5
Fang Man Wu	1	2	3	4	5
Kwok, K.	1	2	3	4	5
Liang, S. W.	1	3	2	4	5
Ostromoff, A.	1	3	2	4	5
Chiu, C. F.	1	2	3	4	5
Hodgman, H. M. R.	1	3	2	4	5
Leong, Fung Soon	1	2	3	4	5
Tao, B. J.	1	2	3	4	5
Lee, S. W.	1	2	3	4	5
Chanson, H. P.	1	2	3	4	5
Yuen, S. L.	1	2	3	4	5
Liang, S. C.	1	2	3	4	5
Siquinit, F. A.	1	2	3	4	5

IMPORTANT WINS

Hong Kong Derby—L. A. Brodie, Ladies' Plate and P. & O. Cup—M. M. Bovort. Trial Plate and Chater Cup—W. K. Shih.

AUSSIES WIN IN FRANCE

Toulon, Jan. 21. The Australian Rugby Union team defeated the Racing Club of Toulon by 16 points to five here today. The Australians led 9-0 at half time. Because they are tired after the French trip, the Australians have cancelled the match with a Paris side on Jan. 24 and will be returning to England on that date.—Reuter.

Development Bill Passes Commons

London, Jan. 22. The reassembled House of Commons has made a brisk start by passing the Overseas Development Bill after disposing of few amendments. The Secretary of State for the Colonies took the opportunity to make clearer the purposes and effects of this measure.

Doubts were expressed during the debate whether colonial opinion is quite satisfied that the bill not be used for exploitation and whether the needs of Britain and Western Europe will not prevail over essential development requirements of the Colonial Peoples themselves.

Mr. Crochett asserted the imperative need to develop colonial resources if colonial peoples are to go forward in attaining those standards in higher social conditions and services which they demand.

The Bill will help make their economy more stable and will encourage enterprise and increase the number of activities possible in colonies. At the same time it will minister to the needs of Europe and Britain in the particular.

Arising out of it the Secretary of State thought "there will be closer integration of economic interests because of the mutual benefit which operation of this Bill will bring."

Third Stage

The Bill marks the next stage in colonial development. First there was a private enterprise. Then during and since the war there have been grants from British Funds for all manner of public works and services. The new idea is to encourage both private and public enterprise in order to exploit economic resources further and increase wealth.

There is plenty of scope for such capital in colonies though quick results are not expected.

Guide To Ponies' Form

The following times, checked during the first three days of the current Racing Carnival, are published for the guidance of punters:

Half a Mile—1:54—Ses—Liberation Star (132); Rasher (137) and Bonn (137).

From the 1/4 Mile Post—1:02.0—Black Marker (147); 1:02.2—Chesterfield (147); 1:02.5—Sulphur (147);

Six Furlongs—1:16.0—Cooper (135); 1:20.0—Golden Dragon (159)

and Meteor (152); 1:20.4—Desire (171); Ataman (148) and Shanghai (159); 1:22.3—Sugarfoot (147); 1:24.0—Victorious (147).

One Round—1:13.0—Black Marker (142).

One Mile—1:43.4—Norse Queen (139); 1:49.4—Larkspur Lad (149);

1:50.0—Panda (147); 1:50.2—Jackal (143) and Meteor (147); 1:51.0—

Domino Day (147); 1:52.2—Blue Ribbon (117); 1:53.5—Battlefield (147).

From the 2 Mile Post—2:00.0—Blue Ribbon (147); 2:02.1—City of Brisbane (147); 2:02.2—Souvenir (139); 2:02.4—Lady Lady (147); 2:03.3—Rebel (147).

1 1/2 Miles—2:15.2—Fifth Alarm (130); 2:22.3—Lightning (142); 2:24.2—Sorcerer (147); 2:27.0—Norse Princess (147). (Note: Norse Queen (149) checked in at 2:19.0 in the Champions last year.)

1 1/4 Miles (Derby distance)—2:44.2—Ataman (147); 2:47.0—Norse Queen (149) in 1947.

V.R.C. Lose Badminton

Chung Wah, playing at home, beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 7 games to 2 in a Badminton League match.

C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah);

beat W. Lawrence and D. Aquino (V.R.C.) 23-20

beat M. Soares and S. Leonard (V.R.C.) 21-12

lost to W. C. Choy and H. Noronha (V.R.C.) 18-21

K. F. Chiu and Austin Ho (Chung Wah);

beat W. Lawrence and D. Aquino (V.R.C.) 21-14

beat M. Soares and S. Leonard (V.R.C.) 21-12

beat W. C. Choy and H. Noronha (V.R.C.) 21-18

P. C. Leung and Leo Leong (Chung Wah);

beat W. Lawrence and D. Aquino (V.R.C.) 21-9

beat M. Soares and S. Leonard (V.R.C.) 21-9

lost to W. C. Choy and H. Noronha (V.R.C.) 14-21

C.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent C.C.C. at cricket against I.R.C. on Home ground on Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp.

G. Hong Choy (Captain), S. Ramchand, R. R. Irance, P. J. Billimoria, E. A. Lee, K. Y. Tam, R. O. Baker, J. P. Tsui, L. Wong, A. H. Ismail, C. S. Carr. Reserve: I. M. Omar.

Hamburg, Jan. 22.

The trial of fourteen former German Generals, including Field Marshal George von Kuechler, Field Marshal Wilhelm Ritter von Loes, and Admiral Otto Schmitzwind, former Commander-in-Chief of the German Fleet, will open in Nuremberg on Jan. 26. All are accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity.—Reuter.



SOFTBALL STATISTICS

Wildcat Catcher Still On Top

(By "Grandstand")

Our local Queens of Swat, with the exception of Wildcat receiver Effie Babida, who still remains on top of the pile, took a terrific nose-dive during the last two weeks as both Celly Gutters and Hilda Soares of the Green Owls failed to come through in their last eight batting attempts, to drop right out of the 400 circle.

On the other hand, Aces center-fielder Melvyn Soares has been pasting the onion in business-like manner to edge her way right past Hilda Soares to threaten Sultanah Babida—all she needs is just one more safe to claim possession of the top-rung.

For the statistical minded and bull-sessioners, here is the latest dope on batting performances:

Game	Date	At Bat	Hits	Pct.
Effie Babida	5	19	9	.474
Melvyn Soares	4	13	6	.462
Celly Gutters	6	21	8	.381
Hilda Soares	6	27	16	.593
Melvyn Soares	6	22	8	.364
Hilda Soares	6	26	10	.385
Ulian Khos	5	21	7	.333
Jean Lee	6	24	8	.333
Teresa Baptista	6	25	8	.320
Alice Mar	6	25	8	.320
Peggy Barnes	5	19	6	.316

Hovering just on the rim of this circle with intentions of joining their swatting sisters are Marge Xavier (2.26), Aida Castro (2.96) and Wally Wingles (2.92). Let's see if you can get into this select company in your next try!

Now we know anything can happen at a ball-park! Your writer thought he had seen everything, but, No! Ball fans last Sunday afternoon at the Hers-Cannadienes games witnessed for the first time on these, or any other shores, a feminine catcher working behind the plate garbed in full afternoon frock, complete down to nylon-gauge 66.

Not A Stunt

This was not a stunt, but it just happened that Canuck Chief Bill Wan wanted a custodian behind the platter—it was a case of "No catcher, no team"—and when the Bees allowed him to select anyone from the fair spectators on hand to take over duties, one little lady did actually take the dare, and what's more did fine job!—she did mention afterwards that her main obsession was catching behind the plate.

Bill has great plans for her, but unfortunately she is at the moment signed up for another outfit in a first line substitute capacity. All Bill needs is a release for her, so better work fast, fellas. You can't field a team of seven every time and get away with it!

This little affair would be fuel for the hot-stove when that season begins, but unfortunately, "Little Spectator" is.

Leung said he came here from Canton two days before he was arrested. He was looking for a friend.

Friends and well-wishers who have not yet got tickets and who wish to avoid the rush at the gate may obtain them at Tsang Fook Piano Co., Marine House, today and tomorrow morning.

A raffle in connection with the entrance ticket numbers will be conducted at the end of the day.

The first prize is a 1948 Beethoven 5-Tube All Wave Radio Model 3048, valued at \$885, presented by Messrs. Dennis & Co., Co. Ltd., specially for the occasion. There will be 19 other prizes as listed below:

2nd Air Round Trip (Cathay Pacific Airways to Macao); 3rd Hot Plate (2 Ott & Co.); 4th 1 Electric Heater (Anderson Moyer); 5th Electric Heater (Anderson Moyer); 6th 1 Raincoat (I. Spangler & Co.); 7th 1 Box Camera (Eastman Kodak); 8th 1 Box Camera (Eastman Kodak); 9th 24 each for complimentary ticket for two persons to Lee Theatre presented by International Entertainment Enterprises, Ltd.

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2nd Air Round Trip (Cathay Pacific Airways to Macao); 3rd Hot Plate (2 Ott & Co.); 4th 1 Electric Heater (Anderson Moyer); 5th Electric Heater (Anderson Moyer); 6th 1 Raincoat (I. Spangler & Co.); 7th 1 Box Camera (Eastman Kodak); 8th 1 Box Camera (Eastman Kodak); 9th 24 each for complimentary ticket for two persons to Lee Theatre presented by International Entertainment Enterprises, Ltd.

These prizes are now on view at the show-window at Tsang Fook.